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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0038] in the specification as follows:

[0038] According to one ere—or more embodiments, the cutting blade fixture 16 and cutting blade 18 are configured to be positioned at a plurality of positions along the length of the spinal implant. The cutting blade fixture 16 can be mounted to the frame, and in particular on the mounting mandrels 30, 32. The mounting mandrel 32 may include indicia, for example, grooves 52 providing cutting increments 54 thereon. In preferred embodiments, the increments 54 on the mandrel 32 are matched to marked spacings or increments associated with the spinal implant. A locking knob 55 is provided on the cutting blade fixture 16 to lock and release the cutting blade fixture on the mounting mandrel 30.